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### **Financial Crimes Detectives seek assistance in 6<sup>th</sup> street area credit card thefts**

**Cases:** 11 Cases over 10 months  
**Dates:** Friday and Saturday nights  
**Time:** Late night/Early Morning hours  
**Location:** 6<sup>th</sup> Street bars

The APD Financial Crimes unit is seeking the public's assistance in identifying four female suspects wanted for stealing credit cards and making unauthorized transactions. APD has recently received two reports in which males were targeted in the 6<sup>th</sup> Street area by a group of female suspects for the purposes of stealing their credit or debit cards for illegal purposes. The behavior of the suspects is similar to 9 prior cases reported in 2008. Both recent victims report that they were possibly drugged due to their lapse in memory of the night's events.

All victims have been males who have reportedly disappeared from 6<sup>th</sup> Street after being separated from their friends. The victims wake up in the morning with little to no memory of the previous night except being taken from the 6<sup>th</sup> street area in a van or sport utility vehicle with 3-4 females. The victims find that their credit cards are missing and several unauthorized transactions have occurred during the previous night. Video footage of the fraudulent transactions revealed four unidentified black females and close up facial photos from ATM machines are available.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the APD Financial Crimes Division at 974-5290 or Crime Stoppers at 472-8477.

**Media Advisory:** Financial Crimes Detective Brenda Bauzon will be available for interviews at 1pm today at APD Headquarters. Please call APD PIO if you plan to attend.

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